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Director's Meeting

Thursday, 24 April 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, []

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General Smith:

a. Referred to DD/A's request concerning the future assignment of [] and gave this request to [] directing him to insure that this and all other papers be fully coordinated prior to such papers being submitted to him (DCI) for action.

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted that (1) Secretaries Foster and Bruce had been fully briefed on the [] psychological warfare project; (2) he believed they were prepared to approve this project at today's PSB Luncheon.

b. Reported on the NSC Meeting of 23 April and noted that (1) the Federal Trade Commission had prepared a report on the oil cartels of the Middle East, which was causing some concern, particularly in the Department of State. In this connection, Mr. Wisner noted that to his knowledge a copy of the above report had not been received by CIA; (2) the Middle East paper had been approved, which approval would increase the load on our political and psychological warfare activities; (3) the Joint Chiefs were not too happy over the request that a token force be sent to the Middle East; (4) the Formosa paper had been signed and sent to []

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c. Noted the cable received yesterday concerning Gen. Schow and his appointment as G-2, SHAPE. In this connection, in response to a query from Mr. Wisner, the Director stated he had heard nothing further from Schow concerning war planning at SHAPE.

d. Noted that we now had the full text of Matyas Rakosi's article referred to in the Deputies' Meeting of 17 April and we should take action to exploit its contents propagandawise. Mr. Wisner stated that it had been determined that our people had picked up and forwarded this article prior to its being published in the American press.

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Referred to recent reports received indicating a Communist build-up in North Korea and stated that he had discussed this with Gen. Balmer at a recent POCC meeting to the end that some publicity should be given to the build-up in order that we would not "be caught with our psychological pants down". In this connection, Mr. Wisner also noted that (1) State was against any such publicity; (2) the Joint Chiefs wished to discuss this matter further. In connection with (1) above, the Director stated that he saw no reason for the need of State Department approval and asked Mr. Wisner to give him a short memorandum on this matter, which he would use as a basis for discussion at today's PSB luncheon.

b. Briefly discussed our efforts to "play down" the bacteriological war campaign and noted that State was against this, based on reports received from the various embassies. In connection with this campaign, Mr. Wisner noted an article in the London Chronicle which he left with the DCI. The Director stated that he would look into this problem.

c. Referred to the memorandum received yesterday from PSB concerning the disbandment of a certain panel and stated that this panel should not only be maintained but, in fact, should be "hotted up".

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e. Noted that [redacted] was leaving tomorrow for [redacted] in response to a query from the Director, Mr. Wisner stated that [redacted] would be responsible to [redacted] and would report to Headquarters through the normal chain of command.

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Mr. Becker:

a. Noted that a briefing would be held in the OCI Situation Room this afternoon and that Undersecretary Bruce and Admiral Dennison would attend.

b. Briefly discussed the build-up of Chinese Communist forces in North Korea. Noted that the SCAG group had completed its report and since AFSA considered this report to be an internal matter had refused to make a copy available to CIA. After some discussion wherein it was noted that we had contributed financially to the preparation of this report, the Director asked Mr. Becker to call Gen. Canine in his name and request that a copy be furnished this Agency.

c. Stated that (1) in a recent conversation, Gen. Bolling had agreed to go along with our post-mortem procedure on estimates; (2) agreed to certain recommendations pertaining to the operation of the Watch Committee.

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